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SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sirs:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 18 and 21 as set forth below in clean form. Additionally, in accordance with 37 CFR 1.121 (c)(1)(ii), amended claims 18 and 21 are set forth in a Marked Up Version in the pages attached to this amendment.

B. 18. (AMENDED) An image processing system as in claim 15, wherein said tracking and predicting system can generate estimates on a more frequent basis than the sensor can capture occupant images.